



People's to People
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Under the Bell Tower

Or What's a Heaven For ?

The space shuttle is back on earth after completing its last flight. All those astronauts, all those trips, all those EVAs (“extra-vehicular activities”), and all those who lost their lives—it’s the end of a chapter in human exploration. All Americans have good memories and bad—memories that we share as a people. The three remaining shuttles will be stripped of all their hazardous contents and then placed on display—full-size memorials.

Sandy Magnus, the last woman crew-member on a space shuttle, was not yet born when President Kennedy announced the goal of going to the moon. Hers is the space generation. The first astronauts are now reaching 90 years old! Amazing. So what comes next? NASA continues with other work and other, un-manned vehicles; but the Johnson Space Center in Houston and the Kennedy Space Center on Cape Canaveral are being packed up and shut down. The immediate future, they say, will be left up to private companies: can we expect Low Earth Orbit Vacation Packages? Maybe some laboratory flights, since there are some scientific processes that work better without gravity. But secretly (or maybe not so secretly) most people are thinking, “Mars.”

One summer night back in 1958 or so, my family was sitting out in the yard talking. Somebody looked up and saw a tiny blinking white light moving across the sky. It was one of America’s first satellites—or maybe Sputnik. Human space exploration began under the conditions of international conflict—the Cold War: we were afraid not to launch. It is now ending with Americans delivering a year’s supplies to the Russians currently staffing the International Space Station.



And God answered Job out of a tornado: “Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, or loose the cords of Orion? Can you lead forth Sirius in its season, or guide Ursa Major with her children? Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule on the earth?” (Job 38:31-33) Of the many questions that God put to Job, most we can now answer, but not these. When we gaze into the Milky Way on a clear night, we are still touched with wonder; and our infrared telescopes only amplify our awe before the greatness of “the morning stars singing together” (Job 38:7). As poet Robert Browning said, “or what’s a heaven for?”

-Dan

"This edition of the newsletter is underwritten by Lyn Arnold in honor of J.L.Miller's career in Journalism. "

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH
JULY 31, 2011**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$201,208	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	3,869			
Income Received				
Income members		83,389.22	80,517.25	7,128.03
Transferred from Investment savings		30,000.00	40,000.00	10,000.00
Expenses to Date		-112,495.00	-123,312.29	-10,817.29
Net Difference		-894.22	-2,795.04	-3,689.26

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY

2010		2011		offerings
07/04	77	07/03	77	2,480.70
07/11	79	07/10	88	1,117.25
07/18	68	07/17	76	2,701.00
				Savings 10,000.00
07/25	75	07/24	64	3,018.26
08/01	73	07/31	89	3,897.95
	372		394	\$23,483.28

August Birthdays

08/02	Art LEWIS Jr.	08/16	C. Fred STITES
08/03	Terry JAYWORK	08/19	Nancy GUTH
08/04	Kristin Warfield HANNAH	08/19	Florence TRESSLER
08/04	Debra WOODRUFF	08/22	Lyn ARNOLD
08/05	Betty REZNAK	08/22	Lauren CAULK
08/08	Paul HANE BUTT Jr.	08/27	Jeff HASTINGS
08/08	Wyatt HOTCHKISS	08/27	Jane DODD
08/11	Rebecca BROOKS	08/29	Billie BOEHMER
08/13	William READ III	08/31	Michelle CAULK
08/14	Laurie BIDDLE	08/31	Connor RUMBLEY
08/16	Linda PARADEE	08/16	C. Fred STITES

If we missed anyone, please notify the church office to get your name on the list.

May God Bless You on Your Birthday.



The Prayer List for Members & Friends of the Church

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Jane Dodd – underwent gall bladder surgery July 25.

Harriet Griggs – recuperating after complications from foot surgery.

Gale Grove – entered Kent Gen. Hosp. in June after a scrape got infected.

Nancy Guth – preparing for knee surgery.

Glenn Hitchens—preparing for surgery to deal with an aneurysm in the brain.

Jim Miller – receiving more radiation and chemo therapy.

Bill Muntz – in treatment for severe leg pain.

Joanne Rhodes – recuperating at home after extensive spinal surgery.

Cameron Ridgeway – has been going to A. I. DuPont Children's Hospital for follow-up treatments, removal of his trach, attention to his ear infections, etc.

Phyllis Simpkins—home after a second stay at hosp.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

Drexel Biddle – Cliff's nephew in GA, heart and lung problems.

Sharon Cordill – friend of Jerry Rice, admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Mary Drain – Cleah Muntz's aunt, hospitalized with blood loss.

Dawn Elliot—friend of Lyn Arnold, going through difficult times just now.

Gretchen Goulet – friend of Jane Dodd, has Lupus and a bone disease of the spine.

Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.

Sheppard family – father and son were murdered; sister Judy Hegman friend of Vicky Healey.

Jean Tilley—Billie Boehmer's mother in PA: Parkinson's Disease and increasing Dementia.

Debbie Yates – friend of Pat Thompson.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

John Belian – the Hanebutts' neighbor: bladder cancer.

Sean Carhart – Jennifer Childears' nephew in New Jersey.

Tom Ciampa – friend of Bill Hufnal.

Mrs. Terry Craig – friend of Kathy Hanebutt.

Mary Ford – friend of Betsy Stewart

Melanie Giangrant -- friend of Judy Reed.

Howard Killian – Angela Downs' father.

Shirley Long – friend of Jackie Niehorster.

Gordon Minner – friend of Jeff and Judy Reed.

Donna Salazar – home after successful surgery, doing well.

Lillian Schrantz – Cleah Muntz's sister-in-law.

Jean Lenox Toddie—Jim Miller's aunt: terminal lung cancer.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Kevon Condon – Les Gallihue's nephew, in the Army: deployed to Afghanistan, later to Iraq.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, good wishes and gifts over the past several weeks as Harriet has undergone repeated surgeries on her foot. Your supportive words and deeds mean a lot to us.

-Dan

Rev. Griggs will be on vacation from August 1 through August 14. Rev. Judy Zingaro will be our guest preacher on August 7, and Rev. Lester Gallihue on August 14. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please call the church office.

SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of Sue Harris-Hunt and all her family in the death July 21 of her mother **Ruth Harris** after a bad fall at home. Her body was cremated and placed with the ashes of her husband. A memorial service was held at the church on Thursday July 28. In lieu of flowers Ruth would have appreciated gifts to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—SPCA: 12 Shelter Circle, Camden, DE 19934 – 698-2153.

SYMPATHY

The church shares in the sorrow of Frances Clinton and all her family in the death August 1st. of **Earl Clinton** after a long illness. Services were at People's Church on Saturday at 11:00 AM, interment at Barrett Chapel cemetery. In lieu of flowers Earl would have appreciated gifts to DE Hospice or to People's Church.

Prepare for our 9-11 Tenth Year Memorial

The tenth anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon will fall on a Sunday this year. During the worship service at 10:00 that morning we will include a commemoration of that tragedy. If you know someone who died in the attacks, or whose family member died there, or if you know any of the fire service personnel or police who died then or as a result of those attacks, please bring their names to the worship service that Sunday. Also you might consider inviting a friend who has such memories to come to worship with you that day.

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

08/07 Eileen Lockwood
08/14 Sandy McNinch
08/21 Fred & Cynthia Hotchkiss
08/28 Golden Girls

Greeters

08/07 Sandy McNinch
08/14 Bill Hufnal
08/21 Sue & Jane Dodd
08/28 Sandy McNinch
Connie Biddle

Sermons & Scriptures

08/07 **Rev. Zingaro**
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-23

08/14 "Our Father's Way" Les Gallihue
Job 42:1-6; Luke 15:11-32

08/21 "Jealousy"
Genesis 27:1-23; Matthew 21:28-32

08/28 **"The End Points to the Present Moment"**
First Corinthians 3:1-3; Matthew 21:18:24; 24:32-35

Liturgist

08/07 Betsy Stewart
08/14 Vicky Healey
08/21 Jennifer Childears
08/28 Glenn Hitchens

Ushers

08/07 Jerry Rice
Sandy McNinch
Ginny Stewart
Chip Stewart

08/14 Jerry Rice
Sue Dodd
Jane Dodd
Bill Hufnal

08/21 Sandy McNinch
Jerry Rice
Jean Hitchens
Glenn Hitchens

08/28 Connie Biddle
Marian DePue
John Paradee
Jerry Rice

We are in desperate need of friends to donate just a few minutes on Sunday mornings greeting fellow congregants and/or ushering. It really doesn't require coming to church much earlier than you normally would and, while this service is priceless to God and your Peoples Family, it costs you nothing. Please find it in your heart and schedule to volunteer. Pick an open slot on the sign-up sheets in the rear of the sanctuary, call the church office, or contact Sandy McNinch.

Peoples Thanks You and God Bless You!

THE SECOND RESTORED STAIN GLASS WINDOW

will soon be delivered and placed in the Women's Fellowship room. The congregational approval to restore and display these hundred-year-old windows included the invitation for anyone who would like to make all or a portion of a window into a **memorial for loved ones**. For further information about this, please see Fred Hotchkiss, who is overseeing this project.

CHURCH VAN MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is interested in riding to worship and back home each Sunday in the church van, OR if you would like to volunteer as a van driver for this ministry, please call the church office and let us know. The Van Ministry began on November 21, so everything is in place to respond to your call.

BOARD OF DIACONATE

The Diaconate Fund is Depleted

Local requests for help with utility bills, rent, medication and food are increasing, but the fund our church uses to meet valid needs is completely depleted. The Diaconate Fund is supplied by direct gifts, and by offerings you place in the boxed envelopes identified as "Communion Offering." You have been very generous to the poor of our community over the years, and I thank you for making all this help possible.

- Dan

Choir Invitation and Thank You's

Hope you are all having a wonderful summer. As August comes to a close, the choir will be tuning up for our fall musical worship offerings. I would like to thank all of those who contributed their special musical gifts to the worship services this summer. In addition to contributing her vocal talents, Suzanne Kreisher also graciously and generously donated several musical anthologies for solos and duets. I am sure they will be put to good use in the years to come. Thanks as always to our musical genius organist and accompanist, Philip Betts, for his guidance and mentoring throughout the year. Thanks to my lovely wife, Kathy, for lending her talents at the organ and as an accompanist for several services in July and August. I would also like to thank Dr. Joe Zingaro for his mandolin, guitar and vocal talents to our introits and anthems through the summer and throughout the year. Thanks as well to Judy Zingaro, Shirley Hawkins, Judy Reed, Glenn Hitchens, and Chip Stewart for their summer contributions and throughout the year.

With summer vacation time winding down, the choir will soon be reconvening for rehearsals in our regular Thursday timeslot of 7:00 PM. We would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in singing to come join us on Thursday evenings.

Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 PM in the chapel. If you have been in the choir, past or present, a choir wannabee, or a lurking closet singer with a hankerin to hum and harmonize for the glory of God, your smiling face and vibrant vocal chords are graciously requested. Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00PM.

Best regards,

Paul

Our Church's Website

Have you looked at our church's website lately? www.peopleschurchofdover.org Special thanks to Elinor Baker for all the work she puts into her job as our webmaster.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School, a combined effort with Wesley United Methodist Church, was successful this year. The kids from People's who attended "had a blast"! Thanks to Jennifer and Sally Childers and to CE board members Laurie Biddle, Linda Paradee, Cheryl Goldsmith, and Jean Hitchens for their help in preparing Thursday's dinner.

Our next CE meeting will be a covered dish and cook out at the home of Jean Hitchens, Sunday, August 28, at 4:00 P.M. Enjoy the warmth and fun of summer.

Jean Hitchens, Chairperson

Youth Group 2011 -- Children Ages 6-11

Purpose: To create a group that not only teaches children about Jesus, but also involves them in community service and social activities that reinforce His teachings.

Mission Statement: Teach children to incorporate the lessons of Jesus into their own lives through community service and social activities.

Youth Group Summer Happenings

God's timing is always perfect! The trip to Killen's Pond Water Park fell on one of the hottest days of the summer. Everyone had a great time splashing in the pool and cooling off on the slides. The day was capped off by a quick dinner at Dairy Queen with, of course, ice cream treats for everyone!

Unfortunately, the trip to see the Wilmington Blue Rocks in August has been cancelled.

Events are being planned for September and October. Check the board outside the fellowship room and the upcoming newsletters for details.

If you have an idea for an event or any suggestions, please contact Jennifer Childears by email, jenniferchildears@yahoo.com, phone at 302-734-5107 or at Sunday service.

Jennifer Childears, Youth Group Director, People's Church

BOARD OF FINANCE

Once again, summer is on us. The weather is gorgeous.

As you enjoy your activities, please remember the church. Attendance on Sundays is lower than at other times of the year. The church you pledged to support is still chugging along.

Here are some creative ways to help out:

Would you like to support the heat and air conditioning? It costs about \$100 per day for the utilities. The Sunday bulletin cost about \$21 to produce each week. The newsletter is expensive to produce mainly because of postage. Postage alone is \$50. Total cost to produce and mail is around \$350.

Thank you for all you do for your church. You are an incredibly giving church.

Lyn Arnold

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 28th after the service. If you have any questions or concerns for the board, please contact chair John Downs or any of the board members.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

HELP THE VICTIMS OF THE EAST AFRICA FAMINE

You have seen the photographs and the reports of the millions of people in Somalia, Kenya and neighboring countries who are fleeing from a war with an Al Qaeda affiliated army, and who are suffering starvation—the worst famine in Africa today. If you would like to help, you can give money. Make your check out to People's Church of Dover, mark it "for Africa famine," and either place it in the Offering during worship, or mail it to the church office. It will become part of our church's giving this year to One Great Hour of Sharing. The funds will be forwarded to Church World Service, which has contact with one or more interchurch councils in the region, and which can administer the money with the wisdom of knowing the region and the situation. The overhead costs deducted from One Great Hour of Sharing giving are lower than almost any secular charity, so more of every dollar actually goes to help the people.

“Mission 1” campaign set for 11/01/2011 – 11/11/2011

For 11 days in early November, the entire United Church of Christ will launch a united mission campaign to gather more than one million food and household items for local food banks. Together the 5,300 congregations will advocate collectively on behalf of food-related injustice and there will be an online collection of more than \$111,111. for Neighbors in Need.

More information coming in September.

Mary Johns/Sue Hunt, Board of Mission and Outreach



Food Bank Sunday is August 7th. The items needed this month include **Beef Stew, Spam, Applesauce (cans), Jello, small boxes, and any other non-perishable items.** All donations will go to **First Baptist Church Food Bank**. Thank you for your kind donations, they are greatly appreciated. People's Church is asking that all checks be made payable to the **People's Church of Dover**, so that one check can be given to the designated Food Bank for that month. Thank you for all your generous donations.

There are folders provided in each **pew hymnal rack containing Food Bank envelopes**. Your donation can be put in the collection plate on any Sunday.

Thank you for your kind donations to the **Holy Cross Samaritans Food Bank** for the month of February. There were 60 food items donated and \$20.00 collected. All gifts were given to the **Holy Cross Samaritans Food Bank** for the month of February. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.
Sue Hunt and Mary Johns -- Board of Mission & Outreach

Women's Fellowship

“A Slice Is Nice” Bake Sale Is Coming

“A Slice is Nice” is a different type of bake sale. Slices of delicious homemade pies and cakes will be sold by the slice at a reasonable price. Many people cannot use a whole cake or pie, but enjoy a slice for dessert at lunch or dinner or evening snack. Buy a slice or two or more. Quarters or halves may be available. Profit from Women's Fellowship projects like this are used to fund our charitable contributions to Mission and Outreach, Caring Hearts and Helping Hands, the Stockley Center, Lancaster Seminary, or project to help or beautify our church. Be sure to come into the Fellowship Room after church on Sunday September 18. We have some wonderful bakers in Women's Fellowship—come and see and take some home.

REDECORATION OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ROOM

The Board of Management and the Women's Fellowship are undertaking the repair and renovation of the Women's Fellowship Room. Plans are underway to retile the floor, paint the room and trim, clean and re-hang the draperies, add new area rugs, and refinish some of the oak pieces of furniture. This room is used heavily by our members and outside groups renting our church, and it has sorely needed attention for some time. We're hoping for a fresh and lovely background for the beautiful stained glass window boxes that will be in place there.

Our next meeting will be our welcome back luncheon on Monday, Sept. 12th at noon.

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (698-1900)

We are gearing up for our Heart and Sole Program (Back to School) in which the school-age children of our client families will receive shoe certificates for new school shoes and a fully loaded back pack. We are estimating to serve 200 school children. If you would like to help, please leave donations in the box at the back of the church or call me.

We are accepting gently used and new spring and summer children's clothes; furniture, small appliances, kitchen items, linens, toys and board games (with all the pieces included) and always need cleaning supplies, paper products, personal hygiene items, and gifts for teen birthdays. No adult clothes please. Two men and a truck have volunteered to pick up and deliver large furniture items for our client families.

Our office hours are every Tuesday, 10 am - 2 pm; the first Wednesday evening of each month, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm and the first and third Saturday of each month, 10 am - 12 pm. We are always looking for volunteers to help sort and hang gently used donations that come into our warehouse next to Jonathan Landing Golf Club house. Please feel free to come by any time.

If you are interested in helping or know of any teens or college students who need hours of community service, we would be happy to have their help as well.

Thanks again for all your support.

Fran Clinton and BJ Van Kavelaar

AUGUST, 2011 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NA & AA meetings	2 AA meeting	3 NA & AA meetings	4 Food Addicts in Recovery Anon	5 NA & AA meetings	6 Peach Festival booth 1 PM C.O.D.A.
7 Guest Preacher Judy Zingaro	8 NA & AA meetings	9 AA meeting	10 NA & AA meetings	11 Food Addicts in Recovery Anon	12 NA & AA meetings	13 1 PM C.O.D.A.
14 Guest Preacher Lester Gallihue	15 Rev. Griggs back NA & AA meetings	16 AA meeting	17 NA & AA meetings	18 Food Addicts in Recovery Anon	19 NA & AA meetings	20 1 PM C.O.D.A.
21	22 NA & AA meetings	23 AA meeting	24 NA & AA meetings	25 Food Addicts in Recovery Anon	26 NA & AA meetings	27 1 PM C.O.D.A.
28 11:30 Board of Mgmt. 4:00 Bible Study 4 Bd Christian Educ.	29 NA & AA meetings	30 AA meeting	31 NA & AA meetings			
				SEPTEMBER ↓		
				1 Food Addicts in Recovery Anon	2 office closed NA & AA meetings	3 1 PM C.O.D.A.
4 No Holy Communion (moved to 9-11)	5 office closed NA & AA meetings	6 AA meeting	7 NA & AA meetings	8 Food Addicts in Recovery Anon	9 NA & AA meetings	10 1 PM C.O.D.A.